

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED FOOD LAW
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Group of Ministers has approved the draft Integrated Food Law;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) by when the same is likely to be approved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (d): The Group of Ministers has approved the draft Integrated Food Law. The salient features of the draft IFL are:

- (i) movement from multi-level and multi-departmental control to integrated line of command,
- (ii) a single reference point for all matters relating to Food Safety & Standards, regulations and enforcement by establishing a Food Safety and Standards Authority of India,
- (iii) shift from mere regulatory regime to self-compliance through Food Safety Management Systems,
- (iv) decentralizing the licensing/ registration for manufacture, sale etc. of food products, presently granted by the Central agencies under various Acts and Orders,
- (v) graded penalties depending on the gravity of offence.